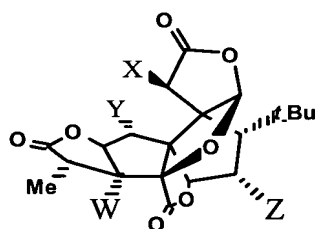


CLAIMS

1. Use of a *Ginkgo biloba* extract comprising at least flavoneglycosides and/or a ginkgolide or ginkgolides for the preparation of a medicament intended to treat weight problems.
- 5 2. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the flavoneglycosides and/or the ginkgolide or ginkgolides are present at least at a level of 25 % by weight in the *Ginkgo biloba* extract used for the preparation of the medicament.
3. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the *Ginkgo biloba* extract comprises from 20 to 30 % of flavoneglycosides, from 2.5 to 4.5 % in total of ginkgolides A, B, C and J,
- 10 and J, from 2 to 4 % of bilobalide, less than 10 % of proanthocyanidines precursors and less than 10 ppm of compounds of alkylphenol type.
4. Use according to claim 3, characterized in that at least one part of the ginkgolides A, B, C and J is replaced with the compounds of general formula (I)



(I)

- 15 in which W, X, Y and Z independently represent the H, OH, linear or branched alkoxy or O-G_S radicals, G_S-OH representing a mono- or a disaccharide, or one of their derivatives or analogues,

it being understood that at least one of W, X, Y or Z represents an O-G_S radical.

5. Use according to claim 4, characterized in that the compounds of general formula (I)
- 20 are such that X represents an OH or O-G_S radical, G_S-OH representing a mono- or a disaccharide, or one of their derivatives or analogues, and:

- either W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents H;

- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents H;

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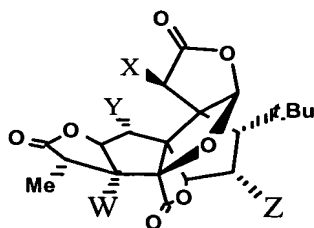
5 - or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical;

- or W represents H, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical

10 - or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents a linear or branched alkoxy radical and Z represents H.

6. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the *Ginkgo biloba* extract comprises from 5.5 to 8 % in total of ginkgolides A, B, C and J, from 40 to 60 % of flavoneglycosides and from 5 to 7 % of bilobalide.

15 7. Use according to claim 6, characterized in that a part at least of the ginkgolides A, B, C and J is replaced with the compounds of general formula (I)



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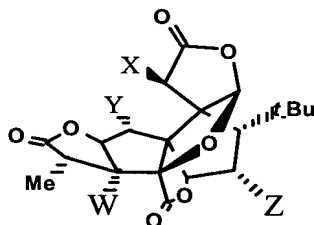
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- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents a linear or branched alkoxy radical and Z represents H.
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- 9.** Use according to one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the patients for whom the prepared medicament is intended are people seeking to lose weight.
- 10.** Use according to one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the patients for whom the prepared medicament is intended are people seeking to gain weight.
- 15 **11.** Use according to one of claims 1 to 10 characterized in that the prepared medicament is intended to promote muscle mass to the detriment of fatty mass.

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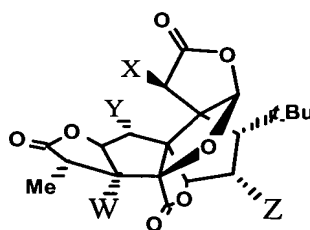
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 - or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical;
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